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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, Paper No. 5 in which the application was restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants elect with traverse invention I, claims 1-38, which are drawn to a device.

Cancel claims 39-79 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims at a later time in this or a divisional application.

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The examination and consideration of this application is respectfully requested, and it is further requested that the application be passed to issue.

Although the foregoing discussion is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, applicants' attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner to further discuss any unresolved issues remaining after the Examiner's consideration of this amendment.

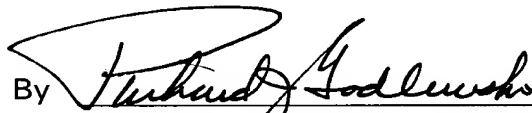
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